

career in the U.S. Army. Charlie enlisted in the Army in 1966, and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1992. During his military career, he served as both an infantry officer as well as a Cobra attack helicopter pilot. He was a highly decorated officer who led an infantry platoon, an infantry company, and attack helicopter units during two combat tours in Vietnam. Charlie has always been at the "scene of action."

Mr. Abell's decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Purple Heart, two bronze stars for Valor, 14 Air Medals, two for valor, the Army Commendation Medal for valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Following his successful Army career, Charlie joined the Senate Armed Services Committee staff. He has been a most valued member of our "team". Charlie has been the lead staff member for the Personnel Subcommittee for the past eight years, and has been responsible for a wide range of issues concerning military personnel and quality of life. His expertise and counsel have been invaluable to the members of the Armed Services Committee—and indeed the Senate as a whole—as we have worked over the past several years to reform the military retirement system, enhance military pay, improve the military health care system, and honor our commitment to all military retirees to provide health care for life. Charlie's achievements with our Committee have truly touched the lives of all members of the military services—Active Duty, Reserve Components and retirees—and their families as well. I offer my sincere gratitude for his outstanding work in these endeavors on behalf of myself and all of the members and staff of the Committee on Armed Services.

Today, Charlie Abell was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy. While it is difficult for us to lose such a valuable member of our committee staff, we are all very proud of Charlie and know that he will be a very important addition to Secretary Rumfeld's staff. We will miss his professionalism, his depth of knowledge, his humility, and most of all his friendship. Charlie is a true professional and will continue to serve his country, and the Department of Defense with honor and distinction. I wish he and his wife, Cathy, fair winds and following seas, and will truly miss daily interactions with this dear friend and outstanding American.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 82 submitted by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 82) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. JEFFORDS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 82) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Friday, May 4. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1, the education bill, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume the education bill tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The next two amendments in order will be a Craig amendment and

an amendment offered by Senator KENNEDY or his designee. Votes ordered on those amendments will be stacked to occur on Tuesday morning. On Monday, the Senate will consider the budget conference report beginning at 10 a.m. Monday afternoon the Senate will consider the Bolton nomination with both votes scheduled to occur in a stacked sequence beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The order of the votes on Tuesday morning is as follows: confirmation of the Bolton nomination; adoption of the budget conference report; the Craig amendment regarding ESEA funding; and the Kennedy or designee amendment. No votes will occur on Friday or Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JEFFORDS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:48 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 3, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES S. ABELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BRENDA L. BECKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

THEODORE WILLIAM KASSINGER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL P. JACKSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID R. NICHOLSON, 0000
REAR ADM. (LH) RONALD F. SILVA, 0000

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING QUINCEY N. ADAMS, AND ENDING KATHRYN L. WUNDERLICH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 19, 2001.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING BENES Z. ALDANA, AND ENDING MARSHALL E. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 22, 2001.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING PAULINE F. COOK, AND ENDING TARIK L. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 3, 2001.